STATEMENT-I

State-wise List of out of Turn Telephone Connection Issued by Telecom Commission Headquarter since 1.7.96

State (Telecom Circle/Telephone District)	No. of Telephone
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil
Andhra Pradesh	009
Assam	Nil
Bihar	007
MTNL Mumbai	002
Calcutta Telephones	005
MTNL New Delhi	135
Gujarat	003
Haryana	008
Himachal Pradesh	Nil
Jammu and Kashmir	015
Karnataka	028
Kerala	019
Madhya Pradesh	010
Madras Telephones	006
Maharashtra	008
North-East	Nil
Orissa	001
Punjab	005
Rajasthan	012
Tamil Nadu	002
Uttar Pradesh	569
West Bengal	001
Total	845

STATEMENT-II

Guidelines

(I) *CRITERIA FOR GRANT OF OUT OF TURN PRIORITY FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS*

(a) Applicants suffering from prolonged and serious illness like Cancer, serious kidney deseases, cirrhosis of liver.

(b) Widows genuinely placed in highly adverse social condition

(c) Genuine victims of natural calamities and man-made catastrophes who do not have telephone facilities. This should include cases of terrorist threats only.

(d) Senior Citizens of India (70 years and above).

(e) Public servants performing arduous nature of duties but not provided with telephone at residence by thier employers.

(f) Statutory, Government aided and Government recognized Educational Institutions and Accridited Journalists.

(g) Physically Handicapped persons with more than 60% disability.

(h) Any special or extraordinary case deserving compassionate consideration (including recognized Social Workers).

Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

4174 DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices functioning in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of post offices, out of them are functioning in rural areas alongwith the number of villages having no post offices at all; and

(c) the time by which the post offices in these villages, particularly in the villages of Meerut Division are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of Post Offices functioning in Uttar Pradesh is 20084.

(b) The number of Post Offices functioning in rural areas is 17990. 94814 villages in Uttar Pradesh are without Post Offices, out of total number of 112804.

(c) Post offices are opened progressively subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. During the current Annual Plan, 31 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

Loss to Deptt. of Posts

4175. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Posts had to suffer heavy losses during the past few years particularly in case of foreign parcel mail because of the domination of the private couriers services in the market although there has been a sufficient increase in the domestic speed post service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to deal with the situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?